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365 DAY PLAN: THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

October to December 2015

Achieved in full or part	Deliverable	Outcome
	Implement 2015-16 Budget initiatives	Significant budget initiatives advanced including \$68 million High School capital investment project; rebuilding Police Service; RHH redevelopment project; NW cancer centre; extra support for Mental Health Tribunal; planning reform; Emergency Services Despatch System; rail infrastructure; and National Parks maintenance and infrastructure.
	Following industry consultation, introduce to Parliament the Industrial Hemp Bill	Bill passed both Houses and received Royal Assent on 2 November 2015. The legislation removes red tape and encourages job creation by treating industrial hemp as an agricultural crop. It provides farmer certainty by extending licensing terms and brings THC thresholds into line with other States.
	Commence the relocation of Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) to Burnie	Relocation commenced with five staff recruited who will commence in Burnie in January 2016, including tenement inspectors, geologists and land information staff. Second stage relocation to be completed by mid-2016.
	Release draft of integrated freight strategy for stakeholder and public consultation	Draft Tasmanian Integrated Freight Strategy released for public comment on 23 November 2015, identifying 33 policy directions and actions across key areas, including efficient freight gateways, high standard and responsive land freight connections and ongoing, structured engagement with industry to inform future freight planning. A final Strategy will be released in April 2016.

	Establish an independent process to review child death and serious injury	New independent Child Death and Serious Injury Review Committee established under the Council of Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity, which currently reviews all maternal, paediatric and perinatal deaths in Tasmania. Tasmania now joins all other States, with an independent statute-based mechanism for an early review response to help safeguard children into the future.
	Introduce Commissioner for Children legislation	Legislation was introduced into Parliament on 17 November 2015 to expand the functions, extend the powers and improve the independence of the Office of Commissioner for Children and Young People.
	Call for expressions of interest from schools for Round Three of Years 11 and 12 extension	EOI extended to include all schools, speeding up the process of extending all high schools to Year 12 due to popular demand and the success of the policy to date. Ten EOIs were received from 8 schools and 2 school coalitions. Schools selected in Term 1, 2016 will extend to offer Years 11 and 12 education in 2017. A further seven high schools in regional areas will extend to Year 12 in 2016 as part of the Round 2 EOI.
	Launch the refurbished TT-Line Spirits and expanded sailing schedule	\$31.5m refurbishment delivered on budget and on time, creating work for around 200 Tasmanians and 24 local businesses. Day sailings in 2015-16 up 50% on 2013-14, with an increase in forward bookings of 17% and an 8% reduction in average fares. Planning for next generation of Bass Strait ferries has also commenced.
	Sentencing Advisory Council to advise on mandatory sentences for sex offenders	SAC report on sex offence sentencing confirms sentences are too lenient and legislative reform is needed. The Government is committed to introducing minimum mandatory sentences for those convicted of serious sexual offences against children and will develop a package of legislative measures for public consultation in early 2016.
	A Safer Midland Highway: commence Perth-Breadalbane highway duplication and further safety improvement projects	Preliminary works have commenced on the \$61.8 million duplication as part of the \$500 million Midland Highway 10 Year Action Plan, to create a divided dual-lane highway from Perth to north of the Breadalbane roundabout on a section of road carrying over 12,000 vehicles per day. Main works commence early 2016. A number of other Action Plan projects have also commenced.

	Launch Macquarie Point EOI process	Macquarie Point Development Corporation commenced advertising for its EOI process of the 9.3ha site in early December 2015, unlocking hundreds of millions of dollars of investment and creating thousands of jobs. Development is expected to begin in 2017.
	Commence the one year review of the police assault mandatory sentence provisions	Review underway from 17 December 2015, marking 12 months since the commencement of the Act. Following the completion of the review the Government will consider extending the mandatory sentencing provisions to other emergency workers and correctional staff.
	Launch Tasmanian Climate Change Action Plan	The Draft Climate Change Action Plan was released in December 2015. Tasmania's per capita carbon emissions are already amongst the lowest of any reporting jurisdiction in the world. The draft Action Plan outlines the Government's framework for action to deal with climate change to 2021 through sensible and practical action.
	Complete Stage Two of the Three Capes Track	The Three Capes Track was officially opened on 21 December, 2015 with Stage Two 100% complete. The booking system has been operating since 17 September 2015. The Track is set to become an iconic Tasmanian visitor experience with almost 2500 people already booked to walk the Capes.
	Install first free Wi-Fi locations	The first Wi-Fi hotspot was launched at Bridport on 19 December 2015, as part of a \$500,000 Government commitment to improve the State's connectivity, to give tourists the chance to share their experiences of Tasmania online and on social media in real time, and boost local businesses. The network will include more than 150 access points at 47 sites across 26 locations from Freycinet to Cradle Mountain, Salamanca Place to Zeehan.
	Release the Data Action Strategy for Tasmania	The Data Action Strategy was released on 19 December 2015, to build a competitive platform for attracting data centre investment, jobs growth and developing the IT sector.

	Launch second round of EOI process for sensible development in our wilderness areas	The EOI process creates opportunity to attract around \$70 million in investment and create up to 300 new jobs. Projects that have been given the go-ahead include the stunning and innovative Recherche Bay Eco Resort. Further opportunities for sensible development in our wilderness areas will be launched once the new Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Management Plan is finalised.
	Launch our Fair Share of Defence Spending strategy	Draft has been completed. Further consultation will now be undertaken with industry following feedback from the Pacific Patrol Boat bid.
	Develop a strategic plan to grow jobs and investment in the creative sector.	The Cultural and Creative Industries Strategy was released on 27 December. The Government will now work with industry to implement the strategy to grow this vibrant and important sector.